

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Auto Maintenance

Oil, grease, anti-freeze and other toxic automotive fluids can be picked up by rain and irrigation water and swept into the Los Angeles County storm drain system. This polluted water flows untreated into the San Gabriel River and eventually into the ocean, contaminating our waterways and making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these simple tips to help prevent pollution and protect the health of your family and community.



Cleaning Auto Parts

Scrape parts with a wire brush or use a bake oven rather than liquid cleaners. Arrange drip

pans, drying racks and drain boards so that fluids are directed back into the parts washer or the fluid holding tank. Do not wash parts or equipment in a shop sink, parking lot, driveway or street.

Metal Grinding and Polishing

Keep a bin under your lathe or grinder to capture metal filings. Send uncontaminated filings to a scrap metal recycler for reclamation. Store metal filings in a covered container or indoors.



Cleaning Spills

Use dry methods for spill cleanup (sweeping, absorbent materials). Follow your hazardous materials response plan, as filed with your local fire department or other hazardous materials authority. Be sure that all employees are aware of the plan and are capable of implementing each phase. To report serious toxic spills, call 911.



Storing Hazardous Waste

Keep your liquid waste segregated. Many fluids can be recycled via hazardous waste disposal companies if they are not mixed. Store all materials under cover with spill containment or inside to prevent contamination of rainwater runoff.



Preventing Leaks and Spills

Place drip pans underneath vehicles to capture any leaking fluids. Use absorbent cleaning agents instead of water to clean work areas.



Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

Recycle used motor oil and oil filters, anti-freeze and other hazardous automotive fluids, batteries, tires and metal filings collected from grinding or polishing auto parts. Contact a licensed hazardous waste hauler. For more recycling information, call (888) CLEANLA. Use non-toxic cleaning products whenever possible.

For specific questions on storm water pollution prevention, contact:

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To report illegal dumping or for general storm water pollution prevention information, contact:

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